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EMBASSY PLEASE PASS TO SCICON FRIEDMAN

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SUBJECT:NUCLEAR SAFETY TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO MEXICO INEN

1. USNRC (LAFLEUR) RECEIVED LETTER DATED FEB 7, 1977, FROM CARLOS CASTILLO, DIRECTOR, NUCLEAR SAFETY DIVISION, INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR. LETTER REQUESTED HELP OF TWO INSTRUCTORS FROM NRC TRAINING CENTER TO HELP PRESENT TWO-WEEK COURSE IN MEXICO CITY ON BOILING WATER REACTOR (BWR) FUNDAMENTALS. IN RECENT CONTACTS, THE START OF THE COURSE HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR JULY 17, 1977. AIR TICKETS AND FORTY (40) DOLLARS PER DAY IN PER DIEM EXPENSES FOR EACH INSTRUCTOR. COPY OF LETTER BEING SENT TO A. S. FRIEDMAN VIA AIRMAIL.

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2. NRC HAS CONSULTED US MISSION TO IAEA TO ASCERTAIN IF THIS ASSISTANCE COULD BE REQUESTED BY IAEA, IN ORDER TO AVOID LEGAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DIRECT FOREIGN FINANCIAL PAYMENTS TO USG EMPLOYEES. US MISSION IN VIENNA (GABBERT) INDICATED THIS COULD BE DONE IN A TIMELY MANNER BY HAVING CASTILLO SUBMIT REQUEST TO IAEA DIVISION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (C. H. MILLAR,

DIRECTOR) STATING WHAT THE INEN NEEDS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT CASTILLO AND INFORM HIM THAT NRC WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY TO REQUEST SENT THROUGH IAEA AND THAT GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID WITH IAEA FOR THIS APPROACH. PLEASE INDICATE THAT NRC IS AWARE OF CASTILLO'S EARLIER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT AGENCY PROCESSING WOULD DELAY REQUEST, BUT THAT THIS APPROACH IS NECESSARY TO AVOID PROBLEMS AND THAT GROUNDWORK HAS BEEN LAID WITH IAEA TO SPEED THE REQUEST TO NRC.

4. ESSENTIAL TEXT OF SUGGESTED TELEGRAM FROM CASTILLO TO MILLAR FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: INEN REQUESTS AGENCY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR TWO INSTRUCTORS FROM U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION TRAINING CENTER TO COME TO MEXICO CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COURSE ON BOILING WATER REACTOR FUNDAMENTALS, TO BE HELD JULY 17-29, 1977. INEN WILL PROVIDE AIR TICKETS UNDER IAEA AUSPICES AND WILL REIMBURSE AGENCY FOR PER DIEM EXPENSES EQUIVALENT TO FORTY U.S. DOLLARS PER INSTRUCTOR PER DAY. NO INSURANCE OR MEDICAL CARE WILL BE COVERED BY INEN. YOUR PROMPT ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER WILL BE APPRECIATED. END QUOTE.

5. FYI: IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, NRC WOULD LIKE AIR TICKETS TO BE TRANSFERRED IN NAME OF IAEA. EVEN IF THEY ARE SENT TO NRC INSTRUCTORS DIRECTLY FROM INEN OR OTHER MEXICAN AGENCY. IN SIMILAR VEIN, NRC HOPES THAT AGENCY WILL ISSUE PERDIEM PAYMENTS TO THE INSTRUCTORS TO AVOID DIRECT MEXICAN PAYMENT. IF CARLOS CASTILLO NOT WILLING TO FOLLOW UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS COURSE, PLEASE ADVISE. END FYI.

. FOR IAEA VIENNA: MISSION REQUESTED TO CONTACT MILLAR AND ADVISE HIM TO EXPECT TELEGRAM FROM CASTILLO, THEN PROVIDE ANY REASONABLE ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE THIS TRAINING, CHRISTOPHER

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